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SUBJ: 63RD ECOSOC: ITEM 16: OPEC COUNTRIES REFUSE TO DISCUSS

DRAFT DECISION ON ENERGY

REF: (A) GENEVA 6439; (B) GENEVA 6076

1. UPON CONCLUSION OF VOTE AND STATEMENTS ON WATER CONFERENCE (SEPTELS), CHAIRMAN OF ECONOMIC COMMITTEE (MILL, JAMAICA) NOTED THAT, IN PRESENTING DRAFT DECISION (REFTEL A) HE ASSUMED CONSENSUS EXISTED ON IT, BUT THAT, THIS NOT BEING THE CASE, IT HAD NOT BEEN FORMALLY CIRCULATED. UNLESS THERE WERE ANY MORE DISCUSSIONS, HE ASSUMED THE MATTER WAS CLOSED. UK, LATER BACKED BY ITALY, REQUESTED INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS.

2. ALGERIAN DELEGATE (FASLA) IMMEDIATELY TOOK THE FLOOR TO NOTE THAT "G-77 HAD DECIDED NOT TO DISCUSS ENERGY" AT ECOSOC, AND HENCE THERE WAS NOTHING TO DISCUSS. IN A SECOND INTERVENTION, HE NOTED THAT WHILE THERE WAS NO HARM IN NOTING THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES, G-77 REFUSED

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TO TAKE UP "ANY ITEM CALLED ENERGY." HIS STATEMENTS WERE BACKED BY DELEGATIONS OF IRAQ, IRAN, MEXICO AND VENEZUELA. NO NON-OPEC G-77 MEMBERS SPOKE. AFTER FIRST SUGGESTING THAT ITEM COULD BE LEFT OPEN, CHAIRMAN FINALLY CONCLUDED THAT NO CONSULTATIONS COULD BE POSSIBLE AND SUGGESTED TO UK AND ITALY THAT THEY AGREE. THEY DID.

3. COMMENT: REFERENCES TO CNR REPORT (WHICH HAD ALREADY BEEN NOTED) MAKE IT CLEAR THAT OPEC'S OBJECTIVES WERE THE CHAPEAU OF THE DRAFT DECISION AND ITS REFERENCES TO SGY WALDHEIM'S REMARKS. USDEL RECALLEAAEE B) THAT SEVERAL G-77 DELEGATIONS (INCLUDING THE PHILIPPINES, 63.3., JAMAICA AND UGANDA) HAD RESPONDED FAVORABLY TO WALDHEIM'S IDEAS. OTHERS (INCLUDING, INITALLY, IRAN, IRAQ, VENEZUEAL AND MEXICO, AS WELL AS YUGOSLAVIA) HAD INDICATED TO VICE CHAIRMAN (KINSMAN-CANADA) OR TO USDEL THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE DRAFT DECISION. CLEARLY, THIS IS A CASE OF OPEC AND ALGERIA IN PARTICULAR IMPOSING ITS WILL ON AN AT LEAST PARTIALLY RELUCTANT G-77.VANDEN HEUVEL

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